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| Form PTO 1390<br>(REV 5-93)  |   | U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE | ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER<br><b>21334-1519</b>                          |
| TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES<br>DESIGNATED / ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)<br>CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 |   |   | U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 C.F.R. 1.5)<br><b>10/549472</b> |
| INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO.<br><b>PCT/IB2004/000699</b>  | INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE<br><b>12 March 2004</b> | PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED<br><b>14 March 2003</b>           |  |
| TITLE OF INVENTION<br><b>SAFETY INSERT FOR SINGLE-USE DISPOSABLE SYRINGES</b>  |   |   |  |
| APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US<br><b>Xavier CIRAC SOLE, Luis BATLLO ROSES, Ana Maria HERRANZ</b>                                  |   |   |  |

Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:

1. ☒ This is a **FIRST** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
2. ☐ This is a **SECOND** or **SUBSEQUENT** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
3. ☒ This express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and 21 indicated below.
4. ☒ The US has been elected (Article 31).
5. ☒ A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2))
  - a. ☐ is transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).
  - b. ☒ has been transmitted by the International Bureau. (**courtesy copy enclosed**)
  - c. ☐ is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).
6. ☐ A translation of the International Application into English (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).
7. ☒ Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3))
  - a. ☐ are transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).
  - b. ☐ have been transmitted by the International Bureau.
  - c. ☐ have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.
  - d. ☒ have not been made and will not be made.
8. ☐ A translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).
9. ☐ An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)).
10. ☐ An English translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).

**Items 11. to 20. below concern other document(s) or information included:**

11. ☒ An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 C.F.R. 1.97 and 1.98.
12. ☐ An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 3.28 and 3.31 is included.
13. ☒ A preliminary amendment.
14. ☐ An Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76.
15. ☒ A substitute specification.
16. ☐ A change of power of attorney and/or address letter.
17. ☐ A computer-readable form of the sequence listing.
18. ☐ A second copy of the published International Application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
19. ☐ A second copy of the English language translation of the International Application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
20. ☐ Other items or information:

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| US APPLICATION NO. <b>10/549472</b>   |              | INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. <b>PCT/IB2004/000699</b> |            | ATTORNEYS DOCKET NO. <b>21334-1519</b> |              |
| The following fees are submitted:   |              |  |            | CALCULATIONS                           | PTO USE ONLY |
| 21. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Basic National Fee:..... \$300.00   |              |  |            | 300.00                                 |              |
| 22. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examination Fee:<br>If International preliminary examination report prepared by USPTO and all claims satisfy provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4)-..... \$100.00<br>All other situations ..... \$200.00  |              |  |            | 200.00                                 |              |
| 23. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Search Fee<br>Search fee (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)) has been paid on the international application to the USPTO as an International Searching Authority (ISA) ..... \$100.00<br>International Search Report prepared and provided to the Office ..... \$400.00<br>All other situations ..... \$500.00 |              |  |            | 400.00                                 |              |
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| CLAIMS  | Number Filed | Number Extra   | Rate       |  |              |
| Total claims  | 13 - 20 =    | 0  | x \$50.00  |  |              |
| Independent claims  | 1 - 3 =      | 0  | x \$200.00 |  |              |
| Multiple dependent claims (if applicable)   |              |  | + \$360.00 |  |              |
| TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =   |              |  |            | 900.00                                 |              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity stats. See 37 CFR 1.27. Fees are reduced by 1/2.   |              |  |            |  |              |
| SUBTOTAL =  |              |  |            |  |              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Processing fee of \$130.00 for furnishing the English translation later than 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(f))   |              |  |            |  |              |
| TOTAL NATIONAL FEE =  |              |  |            | 900.00                                 |              |
| Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21(h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31). \$40.00.  |              |  |            |  |              |
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- a. ☒ A check in the amount of **\$900.00** to cover the above fees is enclosed.
- b. ☐ Please charge my Deposit Account No. 50-1581 in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ to cover the above fees.  
A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
- c. ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1581. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
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NOTE: Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.494 or 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the application to pending status.

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